



REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 26, 2011

- **CALL TO ORDER** at 10:01 AM with members of both consortia and guests present.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of March 29, 2011
March 2011 minutes were approved by consensus. Minutes and agenda are posted at:
http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/sdhcd/homeless/supportive_housing_program.html
- **PRESENTATION: Human Trafficking In San Diego.**
Officer Bill Woods, San Diego Police Department and Mark Jose provided an overview of Human Trafficking in San Diego. The RCCC also recognized other guests involved in this issue: SDPD Vice Officer Anastasia Smith; Jonathan Cupina, FBI; Cathi Palatella, HHSA- Polinsky Children's Center; Marissa Ugarte, Bi-Lateral Safety Corridor; and Holly Hepburn of Generate Hope.

In addition to the powerpoint presentation Officers Wood and Jose engaged in active discussion with RCCC members, answering many questions. The powerpoint described the characteristics of persons engaged in human trafficking (both the victims and the perpetrators); described the recruitment and indoctrination of youth into trafficking; explained the trauma and culture that traps victims into trafficking; and educated the RCCC about what is happening in San Diego and other areas to try to raise awareness and address this problem, such as Innocence Lost, SD Anti-Trafficking Task Force; SDPD Vice Squad; ICE and FBI liaison, creation of a new County Commission; efforts with Justice systems and the District Attorney to certify individuals as victims rather than sex crime perpetrators, etc. The presentation introduced members to the roles of people and technology in the HT life style. For example, describing the difference between "finesse" and "guerilla" pimps, use of other HT victims as a Top Gal to recruit others; and the blatant use of internet advertising on social networking sites (Craig's List and Face book, My Space, Twitter). The recruits are very young (often under age 14).

There are very limited services for HT youth in San Diego. Although the public may think of HT as predominately an international problem, the presenters pointed out that the majority of HT youth are domestic (ie US citizens). Child welfare systems like Polinsky, public schools, and health care services are all impacted by the problem. Human Trafficking victims have some similarity to DV victims but have unique characteristics as well. Under HEARTH, human trafficking victims qualify as homeless which means that under RCCC inclusionary policy we need to consider them in our planning.

There are some resources that may be available to this special needs group. Although Community Care licensing currently is not issuing applications for new programs, we anticipate that the Request for Qualifications will open in September for those who wish to provide a group home that includes extensive treatment and services. nCC Licensing is located at 7575 Metropolitan Cdrive Suite #109, SD. Phone 619-417-9642.

Other ideas included a safety net (perhaps like the underground railroad of the 1800s) or HT 'campus' as options to be explored.

Actions: The RCCC decided to explore establishing a Human Trafficking working group and to continue discussion at May meeting. Officer Woods can be reached at WWoods@pd.sandiego.gov.

- **STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**

- General Section of HUD NOFA

RCCC members received two handouts regarding the General Section of the 2011 HUD NOFA. The first sheet identifies tasks that any agency that intends to submit an application must complete in advance of the annual NOFA cycle. Some of these steps can take weeks to complete, Agencies are advised to complete these tasks now.

- a. Actions include: 1) Review the General Section; 2) Pre Application verification of DUNS, Central Contractor Registry (CCR); 3) E-business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) and 4).Confirmation of the Authorized Organization Representative
 - b. **Local process:** In addition to the instructions in the General Section and Program NOFA, you will need to comply with local CoCs processes in order to be included in the 2011 application.
 - c. **Reminder:** All programs that serve households with children must have an Educational Assurances Policy Statement on file with the Lead Agent.

The second handout covers the highlights and changes that agencies need to know about NOFA 2011. **All recipients of HUD funds under the 2011 notice must:**

1. Provide assurances that they will comply with applicable federal regulations
2. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing and *Overcome Impediments to Fair Housing Choice*
3. Provide evidence of Consistency with local Consolidated Plans
4. Have a written Code of Conduct on file at the time of application
5. *Participate with HUD-sponsored program evaluation*
6. *Limit the reimbursement rate or salary for consultants to GS15 Step 10: The maximum rate for San Diego is \$ 74.76 per hour.*
7. *Comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act as amended on Oct 1, 2010.*
8. *Comply with Section 872 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Act as applicable* (This applies to grantees based on the accumulated level of funds you and your sub-recipients receive from federal sources.

The 2011 NOFA will align with HUD's National Goals

HUD funding for programs will align with the five core goals and reflect HUD's six policy priorities. See the FY 2010-15 Strategic Plan at

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/HUD/program_Offices/cfo/stratplan)

HUD's national goals are the same as those distributed by the RCCC in March 2010. The five goals and sub-goals that may be most appropriate to CoC applicants are listed below. These are not the only items that may be applicable to your grant. CoC programs should review the HUD priorities and sub-goals, paying particular attention to items where providing housing assistance helps to promote employment and economic security, education, improved health, or housing stability. **CoC programs should review the HUD goals paying particular attention to Goals # 2A and #3 A-E. See the handout for detailed information.**

- **SAMHSA Collaborative:** The RCCC received a request to expand membership to community stakeholders engaged in SAMHSA programs and services and to participate in the strategic planning for a SAMHSA collaborative. According to RCCC policy the membership and structure are intended to be inclusionary. RCCC Members approved action to include SAMHSA organizations and the grant initiative in our coalition.
- **SUBCOMMITTEE and LIAISON REPORTS**
 - **Legislative Committee** – Rosemary Johnston, Kathi Houck. Highlights of report were offered. A full report was distributed via e-mail and addresses many issues like: National HUD budget, HUD 811 funds; Cabrillo Act 9% tax credit applications; continued challenges with local CDBG funding; and State budget realignment and deficits.

Actions Approved:

#1: Authorize a letter to be sent to the San Diego City Council expressing concern about the lack of CDBG funding for Neil Good Day Center and other homeless programs and describing the impact of the loss on other components of the CoC.
#2: Authorize the draft of a letter of recognition and appreciation to be sent to Fr. Joe Carroll for his many years of service to the community. Fr. Joe is retiring from his role at St Vincent de Paul.

- **Data Governance; HMIS** – Craig Jones; Peter Callstrom; Matt Packard; Anne Kerr
 - PITC & HIC data must be complete, cleaned and entered into the HUD HDX on-line system before the end of May. Agencies are asked to respond quickly when RTFH staff request information. Data systems and quality are the area given more points in the HUD application process than any other issue.
 - Reminder: HMIS will be off line from May 5- 8th and SP 5.0 will roll out on May 9th. RTFH is conducting trainings for all agencies. If you need to schedule training, please contact RTFH at 858-292-7627.
- **Employment Committee** – Jack Micklos, David Siegler
 - MTS has new guidelines for the discounted public transit passes that require specific verification from a physician and effectively eliminates eligibility for many people who could previously qualify. The new regulations go into effect on May 1st. Increased costs for transportation may hinder access to medical care, employment, and other services.

- Strategic Planning Reports
 - ARS - Don Stump-Lauren Pause – ARS completed another season and the annual report is being released.
 - MHSA – Tricia Tasto Levien- There is a Shared Housing Roundtable planned for June 5th . Contact Tricia at CSH for more information.
 - SD Housing Federation – 2011 Awards Ceremony is June 9th . Watch for familiar names of the list of award nominees.
 - PTECH (Home Again) – Project 25 is completed its first 60 days of operation and has located many of the frequent users on the list and has started housing clients. Brian Maienschein and Project 25 Staff were invited to give a presentation at the Housing California Conference.
 - HPRP Update – Grantees- HUD conducted an audit of HPRP programs; the State HPRP program is discontinuing the practice of issuing advances and is moving to monthly cost reimbursement instead which places a substantial cash-flow burden on the non-profit provider. There is already a waiting list for services and some direct grantees have already expended all funds. In effect, most HPRP programs are now closed to new applicants. A program-to-date report will be provided by RTFH to the HPRP regional Roundtable in May.
 - VHPD Project – The Veterans Homeless Prevention Demonstration Project is underway. HUD altered the start date for program services so that all five of the programs offered would be aligned.
 - Manual Committee – Noelle Kester – A copy of the 2010 Manual was requested by new members. With the HUD HEARTH changes. The manual is in a continual update mode.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS
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